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TWENTY-SIXTH *Anniversary Meeting of the* STATISTICAL SOCIETY.

[Held at the Rooms of the Society, 12, St. James's Square, London, on Thursday, the 15th March, 1860.]

SIR JOHN P. BOILEAU, BART, F.R.S., *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

MR. NEWMARCH, one of the Honorary Secretaries, read the following Report of the Council on the Progress of the Society during the past year:—

Report of the Council for the Financial Year ended 31*st December*, 1859, *and for the Sessional Year ended March*, 1860.

"AT the present time (March, 1860), the number of Fellows is 357—including 70 Life Members:—against 359—including 72 Life Members—at the same date in 1859. During the twelve months now ended, the losses by resignations and deaths have been 22, and the admissions have been 20.

"The Income for the Year ended 31st December, 1859 (omitting the Banker's Balance from 1858), has been 729*l.*, and the Expenditure 743*l.* The Cash Balance to be carried to the current year, 1860, is 297*l.*—and as will be seen by the Auditor's Report, the balance of assets in favour of the Society is satisfactory.

"The Monthly Meetings have maintained their previous high character, and the attendance of Fellows and Visitors has been equal to that of former years.

The following is a List of the Papers which have been read:—

Dr. Greenhow.—On a Standard of Public Health for England.

Mr. Danson.—On a Method of Relieving the Density of Town Populations.

Mr. Acton.—On Illegitimacy in Marylebone, St. Pancras, and St. George's, Southwark.

Mr. Welton.—On the Occupations of the People of England and Wales. Part II.

Dr. Guy.—On the Duration of Life among Literary and Scientific Men and Artists.

M. de Koolomzine.—On the Universities of Russia.

Sir F. H. Goldsmid, Bart., Q.C., M.P.—On the Statistics of Prussia.

Mr. David Chadwick.—On the Rate of Wages in the Cotton District, 1839-59.

Mr. Leone Levi.—On the Distribution and Productiveness of Taxes, with reference to the Prospective Ameliorations in the Revenue of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Hendriks.—A Review of the Statistics of Spain down to the years 1857 and 1858.

"The proceedings in the Section of Economic Science and Statistics, under the able Presidency of Colonel Sykes, M.P., at the Meeting of the British Association at Aberdeen, in September last, were of more than usual interest; and the Third Meeting at Bradford, in October last, of the National Association for the Advancement of Social Science, contributed largely to advance many of those inquiries which it is the especial object of this Society to promote.

"The Government have taken measures for securing a Meeting in London in July next of the International Statistical Congress, the Third Meeting of which was held at Vienna in July, 1857, and a Committee of Organization, in which the Honorary Secretaries of this Society have been included, has been formed at the Board of Trade. The Fourth Meeting of the Congress was intended to have been held in London in the summer of 1859, but the then state of affairs on the Continent precluded the fulfilment of that design. In the event of the contemplated Congress taking place in July next, it will, doubtless, be the desire of the Council to be elected to-day, as it will assuredly be the desire of the Fellows generally, to contribute, as far as possible, to the success of so remarkable and interesting a Meeting of distinguished Scientific Men from all parts of the world.

"Among the losses sustained by the Society by death during the past twelve months, have been Lord Macaulay, one of the founders of the Society, and the Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone, one of its Trustees; and the Council desire to add on behalf of the general body of Fellows, their few but emphatic words of sorrow to the lamentation which has arisen on all hands at the departure of two such ornaments of our age and nation.

"In conclusion, the Council feel themselves thoroughly justified in stating that at no former period in the history of the Society have all the various means employed by it, or of which it is the guide or centre, been in more vigorous or successful action than at the present time."

Mr. Tottie moved, and Mr. P. L. Simmonds seconded, the Adoption of the Report, together with the Abstract of Receipts and Payments, and the Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

A Ballot was then taken for the election of a President, Council, and Officers for the ensuing twelve months, and the following was declared to be the List:—

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1860-61.

President.

RIGHT HON. LORD JOHN RUSSELL, M.P.

Council.

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.
James Bird, M.D.
Sir John Peter Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.
Samuel Brown
William Camps, M.D.
David Chadwick.
Edward Cheshire
William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.
Joseph John Fox.
Rt. Hon. Wm. Ewart Gladstone, M.P.
James William Gilbart, F.R.S.
Sir Francis Henry Goldsmid, Bart., MP., Q.C.
William Augustus Guy, M.B.
Peter Hardy, F.R.S.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Harrowby.
Frederick Hendriks
James Heywood, F.R.S.
William Barwick Hodge
Right Hon. Edward Horsman, M.P.
Leone Levi, F.S.A.
William Golden Lumley, LL.M.
The Right Hon. Holt Mackenzie
William Newmarch
The Right Hon. Sir John Somerset Pakington, Bart., M.P.
Frederick Purdy.
The Right Hon. Lord John Russell, M.P.
Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.
John Strang, LL.D.
Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.
Major-General Sir A. M. Tulloch, K.C.B.
Richard Valpy

The names of the New Members of the Council are placed in Italic.

Treasurer.

William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Newmarch | William Augustus Guy, M.B. | William G. Lumley.

On the motion of Mr. Newmarch, seconded by Dr. Farr, Colonel Sykes, M.P., was unanimously elected a Trustee in the room of the late Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone.

Mr. Leone Levi moved, and the Rev. J. E. T. Rogers seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Council, and Officers.

In reply to some observations from Mr. Hammack as to the best means of promoting the prosperity and extending the usefulness of the Society, as well as of increasing its power by the addition of suitable persons to the list of Fellows:—

Mr. Newmarch said that the Council of the Society had already carefully considered this matter. It was found that the *Journal* and the meetings held in that room were deemed a full equivalent for the subscription. He hoped that, at no distant time, either by the aid of Government, or by some other means, an arrangement would be made to relieve this Society, and other similar societies, from the present dead weight expenditure in the shape of rent and other contingencies of that sort. If some such arrangement could be carried into effect as had been often spoken of, and some central building found, provided by Government, or by some arrangements amongst the societies themselves, a great saving would be effected. Meanwhile, all the Council could do was done, to make the meetings as attractive and as useful as possible. From the statement of the Treasurer, it would be seen that the Council were limited by want of funds in their desire to set on foot extensive branches of inquiry, for it had always appeared to the Council to be their first duty to protect the credit of the Society in its pecuniary arrangements. Such being the case, he did not know that there was any other course open, except that each of them should exert himself in his sphere, and do what he could to increase the number of Fellows and the usefulness and attractiveness of its meetings.

The Chairman said he was extremely glad that this conversation had taken place, and that there was only a loss of two on the list of Fellows for the year, and here were the proposal papers of no fewer than six candidates then before him in the room. There was, certainly, one means which they might all use individually. They were not all equally talented in preparing such papers as would be of interest to the Society, but they might introduce

the Society to the notice of intelligent friends suitable to become Fellows, and show them the benefit to be derived from attendance at the meetings, and from the perusal of the *Journal*. Amongst the incidental benefits of the Society, he might mention the Tooke Professorship of Economic Science and Statistics, established at King's College, London, as emanating from them. It had been a success. There was a very good class of scholars attending the instruction of the able gentleman who had been elected to the professorship. They had a right to expect that the prospect of such an aggregation of statisticians from all parts as was about to assemble in London this year at the International Congress, would attract many intelligent men to join their ranks.

The proceedings then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The following is the Report of the Auditors:—

"The Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1859, herewith

"REPORT:—

"That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1859, and find them perfectly correct; showing the Receipts (including a Balance of 311*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* from 1858) to have been 1,040*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*, and the Payments 743*l.* -*s.* 10½*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 297*l.* 5*s.* 2½*d.*

"They have also had laid before them an Estimate, made by the Council, of the Assets and Liabilities of the Society, the former amounting to 1,885*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, and the latter to 128*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,757*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*

"In presenting this Report, they cannot but express their gratification at the improved method of keeping the List of Members, forming, as it does, the basis of the amount of subscriptions due in the year, the Deaths and Resignations of Members being certified by the Council. They have thus been enabled to correct the printed List of Members of the Society on the 31st December, 1859, and to certify it for the use of future Auditors.

(Signed) "SAMUEL BROWN,
"H. B. HYDE,
"CORNELIUS WALFORD, junr. } *Auditors.*"

London, 2nd February, 1860.

The statement of Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities, is as follows:—

Receipts and Payments for the Year 1859, and Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1859.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 31st December, 1858, viz.:—				
Cash at Bankers	£304 – 2			
Petty Cash in hand	7 5 5			
		311	5	7
1859.				
Dividends		15	6	3
Subscriptions—271 for 1859 at £2 2*s.*	£569 2 –			
1 for 1860 at £2 2*s.*	2 2 –			
Arrears—11 at £2 2*s.*	23 2 –			
		594	6	–
Journal Sales		76	11	3
Advertisements in Journal		42	17	–
		£1,040	6	1

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
1859.			
Rent	75	–	–
Salaries	162	10	–
Printing Journal	305	17	6
Advertising	24	5	9
Library	20	5	9
Index and Catalogue	56	5	6
Stationery and Sundry Printing	31	3	9
Incidental Expenses	17	18	1
Ordinary Meetings	19	10	9
Fire and Light	8	18	11½
Furniture and Repairs	11	16	6
Postage and Receipt Stamps	9	8	4
	743	–	10½
Balance carried to 1860	297	5	2½
	£1,040	6	1

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Printing Journal for December, 1859 (say)		70	0	–
Stationery and Sundry Printing (say)		22	1	6
Advertising December Journal		7	–	9
Index (Mr. Wheatley)		4	7	6
Office Expenses, viz.:—				
Coals	£7 16 –			
Lighting and Bookbinding	5 13 11			
		13	9	11
Sundries, viz :—				
Fire Insurance	2 10 –			
Books	5 12 6			
Ironmonger	1 6 –			
Newspapers	– 8 7			
Petty Expenses	1 4 4			
		11	1	5
		128	1	1
Balance in favour of Society		1,757	4	1
		£1,885	5	2

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Cash Balance		297	5	2
Investments :—				
3 per Cent. Consols, £328 15*s.* 4*d.*,	cost £300			
New 3 per Cents., £567 17*s.* –*d.*,	„ 567			
		867	–	–
Property—Books in Library	£400			
Journals in Stock	200			
Furniture	100			
		700	–	–
Arrears due and recoverable (say)		21	–	–
		£1,885	5	2